

Domestic Product at factor cost in 2005-06 as compared to 7.5% in 2004-05. The Government is placing emphasis on upgradation of skills and on vocational training to improve the employability and levels of productivity of the workers. In order to improve labour market conditions, review/updation of labour laws is undertaken continuously to bring them in tune with the emerging needs of the economy.

### **Legislative Assembly for Andaman and Nicobar Islands**

†\*216. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the representatives of Andaman and Nicobar Islands have demanded for creation of Legislative Assembly, on the lines of Pondicherry;

(b) whether it is fact that many Parliamentary Committees have also recommended constitution of Legislative Assembly in Andaman and Nicobar;

(c) if so, whether Government have taken any decision for constitution of Legislative Assembly in Andaman and Nicobar; and

(d) if so, by when the Legislative Assembly would be constituted there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs, in its 121st Report on Administration of Union Territories, has recommended setting up of a Legislative Assembly in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Time frame can not be given.

### **Employment opportunity in rural areas**

\*217. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:  
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 861 given in the Rajya Sabha on 29th November, 2006 and state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.